

Mr. H. HUSEIN ALI BEIG.—Are advertisements being distributed among Urdu papers also?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Yes.

Mr. H. HUSEIN ALI BEIG.—Which are they?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Notice.

Mr. H. HUSEIN ALI BEIG.—Are advertisements being given to any other paper than the *Al-kalam*?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Notice.

Mr. H. HUSEIN ALI BEIG.—Will they be given if the papers apply?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—I cannot say. It is a question of funds.

Mr. H. HUSEIN ALI BEIG.—Is not the amount involved very small?

(No answer.)

Mr. V. VENKATAPPA.—In the shape of subscription, how much money is given to each paper?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—As stated already, it is not advisable to give that information.

Mr. V. VENKATAPPA.—Are the Government aware that local officers have been compelling the village panchayats to subscribe for particular papers?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—No.

Mr. V. VENKATAPPA.—Are the Government aware that they get the village panchayats to pass resolutions that only particular paper or papers be subscribed for?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—How could that be? The village panchayats are at liberty to refuse to pass such resolutions.

Mr. V. VENKATAPPA.—On what basis are the Government extending patronage to the various papers?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—It cannot be defined. It is decided on the merits of each case.

Mr. B. S. CHANDRASEKHARA RAO.—Are the advertisement charges met from general revenues or are they met by the advertising concerns?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—It is the latter.

Mr. B. S. CHANDRASEKHARA RAO.—Have not the Government set apart separate funds for publicity purposes?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Under General Administration, there is a provi-

sion for the establishment and other charges of the Publicity Office.

Mr. B. S. CHANDRASEKHARA RAO.—Is the total cost of advertisement a fixed amount or does it vary from year to year?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—There is not much variation.

Mr. Yajaman BANDAPPA.—Even in cases where village panchayats have passed resolutions refusing to subscribe for particular newspapers, can the local officers compel them to subscribe for them?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—It is a matter entirely within the discretion of the panchayats themselves.

Industrial Concerns under the Chairmanship of Diwan Bahadur K. Matthan.

Q.—184. **Sri. SESHAMMA SUBRAMANYA SWAMI** (Tumkur—Women).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the companies aided by Government or in which Government have taken shares wherein *Diwan Bahadur K. Matthan* has been appointed by Government as Director or Chairman;

(b) whether the judgment of the High Court in the Mysore Bank Directors' Election case has come to their knowledge?

A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (**Mr. V. Vedavyasacharya**).—

(a) The Mysore Sugar Company, Limited.

(b) Yes.

Mr. K. NANJUNDA RAO.—With reference to answer (a), is Mr. Matthan a Chairman of any other company?

Mr. V. VEDAVYASACHARYA.—The Government have not appointed him as Chairman of any other company.

Mr. T. S. RAJAGOPALA IYENGAR.—So long after the age of superannuation, why should he be appointed and re-appointed as Chairman of any concern?

Mr. V. VEDAVYASACHARYA.—It is not a supplementary question.

Mr. T. S. RAJAGOPALA IYENGAR.—Are any special qualifications for the post prescribed?

Mr. V. VEDAVYASACHARYA.—He was appointed Chairman as, in the opinion of Government, he was specially fitted for the post.

Mr. T. S. RAJAGOPALA IYENGAR.—When he was Chairman of the Sugar Company, was he Chairman of any other company also?

Mr. V. VEDAVYASACHARYA.—That is not a supplementary question.

Mr. T. S. RAJAGOPALA IYENGAR.—Is it a fact that he was also Chairman or Managing Director of the Vegetable Oil Products Company also?

Mr. V. VEDAVYASACHARYA.—Yes, but he was not appointed as such by the Government.

Mr. T. S. RAJAGOPALA IYENGAR.—With reference to answer (b), have the Government come to any decision about the observations contained in the judgment of the High Court?

Mr. V. VEDAVYASACHARYA.—The Government cannot express any opinion on the floor of this House.

Mr. B. ANANDA RAO.—Have such irregular elections taken place in the Bank at any time before?

Mr. V. VEDAVYASACHARYA.—That is not a supplementary question.

Mr. B. ANANDA RAO.—Will Government see that such irregularities do not occur again in future?

Mr. V. VEDAVYASACHARYA.—That is a matter for the authorities of the Bank to consider.

Mr. A. N. RAMA RAO.—Have the Government anything to do with the Mysore Bank elections and could Government interfere in the matter?

The MINISTER for REVENUE and FINANCE (Rajamantrapravina K. V. Anantaraman).—That does not arise out of this question.

Mr. A. N. RAMA RAO.—Can the Government express any opinion on a judgment of the High Court?

Mr. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—No.

Mr. F. C. DEVARAJ URS.—Is it fair or proper to raise questions of a personal nature on the floor of this House?

Mr. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—If it is strictly within the rules, we cannot help it.

Mr. B. CHAMIAH.—Is it not true that *Diwan Bahadur K. Matthan* was

appointed as Chairman because of his high abilities?

Mr. V. VEDAVYASACHARYA.—Yes.

Mr. B. CHAMIAH.—Is it not a fact that during his chairmanship, the interests of both the shareholders of the Company as well as the raiyats supplying cane have been served very well?

Mr. V. VEDAVYASACHARYA.—That is also a matter of opinion.

Mr. B. CHAMIAH.—Are not the Government aware that as Chairman of the Sugar Company, Mr. Matthan discharged his duties very efficiently?

Mr. V. VEDAVYASACHARYA.—It is not a supplementary question.

Mr. C. RAMASWAMI CHETTY.—Is it not a fact that after he became the Chairman, the interests of both the raiyats and the general public suffered very much?

Mr. V. VEDAVYASACHARYA.—No.

Mr. S. C. MALLIAH.—Is it not a fact that in his Opening Address to the Assembly, the Dewan paid a tribute to the services rendered by *Diwan Bahadur K. Matthan* as Chairman of the Sugar Company?

Mr. V. VEDAVYASACHARYA.—Yes, but it is not a supplementary question.

Mr. PRESIDENT.—The opinion expressed by me is my own.

Mr. S. C. MALLIAH.—Shall I take it that Government as a whole share the opinion expressed by the Dewan-President?

Mr. PRESIDENT.—Yes.

Mr. S. I. MUMTAZ.—Was it not during the Chairmanship of Mr. Matthan that *non-oppige* cane came to be purchased by the Company even in preference to *oppige* cane?

Mr. V. VEDAVYASACHARYA.—That point does not arise out of this question.

Rao Bahadur N. S. NANJUNDIAH.—Was it not necessary for the Government to approve of the election of Mr. Matthan as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Mysore Bank?

Mr. V. VEDAVYASACHARYA.—Yes.

Mr. N. S. NANJUNDIAH.—If so, was the election approved by them?

Mr. V. VEDAVYASACHARYA.—Yes.

Mr. N. S. NANJUNDIAH.—Is it not a fact that the Chairman of the Board must necessarily be a Director?

Mr. V. VEDAVYASACHARYA.—Yes.

Mr. N. S. NANJUNDIAH.—Is it not stated in the judgment passed by two Judges of the High Court that Mr. Matthan cannot be deemed to have been elected as a Director?

The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, LAW DEPARTMENT (Mr. H. V. Narayana Rao).—It is not so stated. All that is stated in the judgment is that Mr. Matthan has not paid the necessary stamp duty and asked for a declaration to that effect and so it was wrong on the part of the lower court to have given such a declaration.

Mr. N. S. NANJUNDIAH.—Has it not been stated by the High Court that in this case the Court cannot declare him as a Director duly elected?

Mr. H. V. NARAYANA RAO.—Yes.

Mr. N. S. NANJUNDIAH.—Did Mr. Justice Abdul Ghani concur with that judgment of the Chief Justice?

Mr. H. V. NARAYANA RAO.—Yes.

Mr. N. S. NANJUNDIAH.—Did he say the Directors were free to co-opt him as a Director?

Mr. H. V. NARAYANA RAO.—Yes.

Mr. N. S. NANJUNDIAH.—Has the Bank co-opted Mr. Matthan as a Director?

Mr. H. V. NARAYANA RAO.—Government are not aware.

Mr. N. S. NANJUNDIAH.—As the authority empowered to approve of the election of the Chairman, have the Government enquired of the Bank, specially because the High Court have not given a declaration, what the Bank proposes to do about the chairmanship?

Mr. H. V. NARAYANA RAO.—Government are considering that matter.

Entertainment and Re-entertainment of Mr. S. G. Forbes.

Q.—193. **Rao Bahadur N. S. NANJUNDIAH** (Hassan—Urbau).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) (i) when was Mr. Forbes appointed in Mysore service for the first time, and (ii) when was he retired;

(b) when was he re-entertained in service, on what terms and for what period;

(c) how many extensions did he get during both the periods of his service in Mysore;

(d) whether there is any precedent for any retired head of department being re-entertained in the service in the Mysore State?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. G. MEHKRI).**—

(a) (i) 1913.

(ii) 1930.

(b) 1936.

(i) Salary—Rs. 2,000 per mensem,

(ii) Term—Two years,

(iii) Leave, and

(iv) T. A. according to the provisions of the Mysore Service Regulations.

(v) Passages—One First Class passage for himself (and for his wife in case she is accompanying him) from America to Bangalore and back.

(vi) Other easements—Not entitled to pension, Provident Fund or any other easement.

(c) I period—4 times.

II period—Thrice.

(d) None.

Mr. N. S. NANJUNDIAH.—With reference to answer to (b), is it a fact that Mr. Forbes was retired for the first time in 1930?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—Not retired, but resigned.

Mr. N. S. NANJUNDIAH.—Is it not a fact that before 1913, all the Chief Electrical Engineers were non-Indians?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—Notice.

Mr. N. S. NANJUNDIAH.—Prior to 1913, was not one Mr. Gibbs the Chief Electrical Engineer?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—I have heard so.

Mr. N. S. NANJUNDIAH.—After him, except for 4 or 5 years when Mr. Cariappa was Chief Electrical Engineer, was any Indian appointed to that post?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—Yes, there was Prof. Mowdawal, for instance.

Mr. N. S. NANJUNDIAH.—How long was he in charge of the Department?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—Notice.